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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20060228), in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following arguments. This Response is timely filed with a concurrent Request for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee.

**Currently Pending Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.